

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH

INTIMATIONS.
UNION LINE.
FOR YOK HAM.
 Steamship
 "OXFORDSHIRE."
 Jones will be dispatched for the above
 TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at
 12.
 Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co. 1239
 Hong, 27th June, 1883.
WATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW.
 Steamship
 "NANOA."
 Westoby will be dispatched for the
 Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant,
 at 12.
 Freight or Passage, apply to
 DOUGLAS LAFLAIX & Co. 1240
 Hong, 28th June, 1883.
**CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
 SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA DIRECT.
Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE"
Callon, will be despatched for the above
MONDAY, the 2nd July, at FIVE P.M.
Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th June, 1883. [1244]

STATION WANTED.

A PERSONS, AS SHIPPING CLERK,
GENERAL ASSISTANT, OR ASSISTANT
KEEPER,
and Reference and Testimonials.
Press. S. S.
Care of this Office:
Hongkong, 28th June, 1883. [1241]

URE'S DISINFECTANT, SANTAL,
JUST LANDED AND FOR SALE.
SANTAL POWDER AND FLUID, AND
other ARTICLES prepared by

E. F. DE SOUZA,
 14, Wyndham Street.
 1232
 HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
 LIMITED.
 NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
 It is hereby notified, that the TRANSFER
 BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED
 up to, 3rd proximo, for the purpose of
 ascertaining the number of
 shares of the New Issue, that Shareholders are
 entitled to.
 Order of the Board of Directors,
 LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 28th June, 1933. 1243
 TO LEFT,
 NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
 C. B. QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately
 acquired by Pacific Mail S. S. Co.,
 at 7, GARDEN ROAD.
 C. 32, GRAHAM STREET, lately occupied by

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 TO THE
 BY **DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.**
 Hongkong, 28th June, 1888.
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ONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO.
TRAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED,
EXCURSION TO MACAO.
 THE "HONAN" will make a Trip to
 MACAO and back on **THURSDAY**, the 1st
 of July, leaving Hongkong at 8 A.M. and Macao
 at 1 P.M.
 First-Class Fare to Macao and back \$2. No
 baggage. Tickets to be purchased at the
 Company's Office.
 The Macao Hotel will be prepared to supply
 breakfast to the Excursionists. A few seats
 will be reserved on board the steamer by leaving
 at the Office, addressed to the **PURSER**
"HONAN," not later than 5 P.M. on Thursday,
 27th instant.
 By Order,
 P. A. DA COSTA,
 Secretary. 12933
 Hongkong, 27th June, 1888.
WANTED immediately—An experienced

Copy to
"Z. Y. X."
Care of this Office.
Hongkong, 25th June, 1883. [1220]

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

BY A TEA INSPECTOR of many years' experience in China.

M. M.
Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 8th June, 1883. [1111]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Head-Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd of JULY, 1883, at FOUR O'CLOCK in the afternoon, when the Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the same Company held on the 14th day of June, 1883, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

By Order of the Board, W. H. RAY.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1883. [1144]
**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY, LIMITED.**
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of
 SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
 pany will be held at the Company's Office,
 No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong,
 on **THURSDAY, the 12th day of July, 1883, at
 12 O'CLOCK P.M.** for the purpose of voting
 on the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company
 held on the 19th day of June, 1883, will be an-
 nounced for confirmation as a Special Resolution.
 By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 20th June, 1883. [1191]
**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of
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No. 46, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong.
ON THURSDAY, the 12th day of July, 1953,
at 3.15 O'CLOCK P.M., when Resolutions were
reapproved that each of the existing Shares of the
Company be divided into five shares of \$100,
the sum of \$20, shall be
credited on paid up and that the Memorandum
and Articles of Association be altered in
accordance therewith.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary. 1192
Hongkong, 90th June, 1953.
**HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS
COMPANY LIMITED.**
THE TRANSFER BOOK of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 18th inst.
until the 2nd proximo, both days included.
RENRY E. S. MARTIN,
Manager. 1158
Hongkong, 15th June, 1953.

FOR SALE.

LADIES' SWIMMING SUITS.
GENTLEMEN'S SWIMMING SUITS.
BATHING SHOES.
WATERPROOF BATHING CAPS.
LIFE SAVING BELTS AND DEVICES.
BATHING TOWELS AND BLANKETS.
BATH SPONGES.
WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES.
SUN UMBRELLAS.
CHOCOLATE BELTS.
WHITE CRAPPE TENNIS SHIRTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
 Hongkong, 30th May, 1933.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSARY CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.
PERFUMERS.
PATENT MEDICINE VENDOR.
DRUGGISTS' DISPENSARY.
AND
AGGRAVED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED.
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm. A. S. Watson and Co., or to the Dispensary.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
 Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not received for a fixed period will be continued until discontinued.

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 28th, 1933.

The large decline in the consumption of Foreign Opium in China last year, in spite of a material decline in price, is traceable in almost every port to the competition of the native drug.

The import of Foreign Opium for 1932 was 13,393 piculs less than in 1931, and nearly 6,000 piculs less than in 1930.

The falling-off was most noticeable in the northern and Szechwan ports. In the former the Manchurian and Mongolian drug interferes with the sale of the Indian product; in the latter, the native opium now finds a ready market, and as it has improved in quality concurrently with a decline in price it is now largely used instead of the foreign import.

Mr. Lax, Commissioner of Customs at Newchwang, tells us that in ten years there has been a decline of 74 per cent. in the value of the Indian opium imported. Last year, however, the import showed a slight improvement, but this was too small to be more than accidental and certainly does not indicate any revival of demand. In Kirin, Mr. Lax says, opium is extensively smoked, and the habit is by no means looked upon as an immoral one.

At Tientsin the import of foreign opium was 2,508 piculs as compared with 3,421 piculs in 1931. The decline is purely ascribable to the keen competition of the native drug, quotations for which, Mr. Commissioner Henson says, are readily obtainable on the Tientsin market from Shansi, Shensi, Szechuan, Honan, Kansu, Yunnan, Shanxi, Chihli, and Mongolia, East and West. He might have added Manchuria to this list, but probably forgot to do so.

The drug from Kansu and Yunnan runs the highest in the market, from Tls. 240 to Tls. 250 per picul, while the Mongolian opium fetches the lowest price, about Tls. 130. The Indian is still used for mixing with the native drug, but in annually decreasing quantities. At Chaochow, where the import of foreign opium shows a considerable decline, it seems the native product has so improved in quality that it is now smoked without any admixture of Indian drug. Ichang imported no foreign opium in 1932, but exported some of the Szechwan drug to Hankow. At all the other Kiangtze ports there was a diminution in the import of foreign opium, though at Hankow and Chinkiang the decrease was not very material. At Kiangchow there was a falling off in the import of 870 piculs of M.W. and 38 piculs of P.W. as compared with 1931, and this is ascribed partly to an increased use of Szechwan opium, partly to the efforts of the authorities to check the use of the drug. Such action on the part of the officials is, however, not only rare but sporadic, and may be discontinued altogether ere now. At Wuhu the falling off in the import of foreign opium was very large and the local branches of the two foreign importing houses were closed in consequence of the reduction of the trade. Yet, while the consumption of Indian drug has thus declined, the proportion of smokers in the district led by Wuhu is unusually large, and, in Mr. Commissioner Henson's opinion, is increasing. But poverty compels them to be satisfied with an inferior article, and the native drug is in annually increasing demand. At Chinkiang there was a large decline in the import of Bonares, which was not made up by an improvement of demand for Malwa, although for some unexplained reason, the native drug showed a decrease of 400 piculs. At Shanghai the import (45,246 piculs) showed a decrease, as compared with the previous year, of 9,600 piculs. The competition of the native drug even in the Shanghai market thus, it will be seen, has not been without a deleterious effect, notwithstanding the large reduction in the rates of the Indian drug.

In Chinkiang the Chinese do not appear to succeed in their efforts to improve the native drug, for Mr. Kleinwachter, Commissioner of Customs at Ningpo, asserts that it did not affect the consumption of Malwa, and of a crop of some 3,000 piculs, half remained unsold, though the rate was about 65 per cent. less than that of the year previous. The import of foreign opium at several of the southern ports has also been smaller than in preceding years, and in some cases the native drug has contributed to this result. This was the case at Wenchow and to a smaller extent also at Tamsui. It is, however, in the ports north of Ningpo that the chief decline is observable, and it is distinctly traceable almost entirely to the enormous increase in the production of native opium. With a solitary exception, at Kiangchow, no efforts appear to have been made by the Chinese officials to put down opium smoking, and the cultivation is now evidently not only suffered but recognized in a number of provinces. It may be the object of the Chinese Government to gradually destroy the trade in Indian opium by the competition of the native drug, but it is clearly not part of their policy to suppress the habit of opium smoking. The desire of the Anglo-Oriental Society for the suppression of the Opium Traffic to Asia India, relieved of any share in the trade may eventually be realized, but they will be no nearer the other goal of their hopes—the abolition of opium smoking. The difference may be, perhaps, that instead of importing their opium from India and Persia, the Chinese will have to import, in much larger degree, their rice from Burmah, Siam, and Ceylon.

Writing on the 18th instant on the charges of vice and immorality brought against the Chinese in New York and Chicago by a portion of the American Press, instigated thereby by the Catholic Young Men's Association in the former city, we expressed our disbelief of one statement and our suspicion that the accusations were maliciously made.

There was a tone of unmitigated animosity in the allegations, and a very obvious air of exaggeration about them that wrought its own condemnation. We are very glad to find that the attempt to defame the Chinese in New York has failed, the more influential journals, having taken the matter up and exposed the hollowities of the stories set afloat by mischief-making, Chinese-baiting persons. The following note on the question, taken from the New York Tribune, a high-class paper, will satisfactorily demonstrate that the Chinese in that city have been gravely misapprehended.

Now that the excitement caused by the sensational report about the evil doings of Chinamen in Manhattan has died away, it is to be hoped that those who were so ready to believe the tales of the "Yellow Peril" will stop and think before they follow the lead of the sensational press. The Chinese in this city are not only law-abiding, but they are also the most industrious and the most honest of the races. They are the backbone of the city's commerce, and they are the most loyal and the most patriotic of the races. They are the most industrious and the most honest of the races. They are the backbone of the city's commerce, and they are the most loyal and the most patriotic of the races.

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The *Yankee* Gazette says the Chinese Government complains of the action of the British Consul at Shanghai in detaining the Chinese junk *Shan Hai* in the Shanghai harbor, and asserts that it did not affect the consumption of Malwa, and of a crop of some 3,000 piculs, half remained unsold, though the rate was about 65 per cent. less than that of the year previous. The import of foreign opium at several of the southern ports has also been smaller than in preceding years, and in some cases the native drug has contributed to this result. This was the case at Wenchow and to a smaller extent also at Tamsui. It is, however, in the ports north of Ningpo that the chief decline is observable, and it is distinctly traceable almost entirely to the enormous increase in the production of native opium. With a solitary exception, at Kiangchow, no efforts appear to have been made by the Chinese officials to put down opium smoking, and the cultivation is now evidently not only suffered but recognized in a number of provinces. It may be the object of the Chinese Government to gradually destroy the trade in Indian opium by the competition of the native drug, but it is clearly not part of their policy to suppress the habit of opium smoking. The desire of the Anglo-Oriental Society for the suppression of the Opium Traffic to Asia India, relieved of any share in the trade may eventually be realized, but they will be no nearer the other goal of their hopes—the abolition of opium smoking. The difference may be, perhaps, that instead of importing their opium from India and Persia, the Chinese will have to import, in much larger degree, their rice from Burmah, Siam, and Ceylon.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a brochure entitled "Biographical Sketches of the Chinese Viceroy of Yunnan," by the Hon. Mr. J. H. M. de Mesquita, in the Portuguese language, printed at Macao and dated the 4th June, 1933. It bears no name of the author, and we presume it has been written by a Chinese official, but it is a very interesting and valuable work, and we are glad to see it in the hands of our readers. The work deals with the life and career of the late Viceroy of Yunnan, and is a very valuable contribution to the knowledge of the Chinese Government and its officials.

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